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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/673,815 which was filed on September 29, 2003 and is still pending. That application is a continuation of Serial No. 10/094,675 which was filed on March 11, 2002 and is still pending. That application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/461,120 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,353,963 on March 12, 2002. That application is, in turn, a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/122,541 filed on July 24, 1998, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,026,540 on February 22, 2000. That application was, in turn, a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/004,999 filed on January 9, 1998 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,003,196 on December 21, 1999.

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Entitled: **UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER WITH CYCLONIC AIR FLOW**

Enclosed are: [XX] 12 sheets of specification, 5 sheets of claims, 1 sheet of Abstract.  
[XX] 8 sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-9.  
[XX] Copy of an assignment to Royal Appliance Mfg. Co. as filed in the prior application  
[XX] Copy of a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application as originally filed in the prior application  
[XX] Preliminary Amendment  
[XX] Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449  
[XX] Second Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.

CLAIMS AS FILED				
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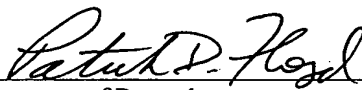
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